

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph under the heading "RELATED APPLICATIONS:" that was added to page 1 in the February 19, 2004 preliminary amendment, with the amended version that follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/266,691, filed on October 9, 2002, entitled "POWER SUPPLY UNIT, DISTRIBUTED POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE LOADED THEREWITH," which issued March 2, 2004 as US Patent No. 6,700,349, and which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/083,645, filed on February 27, 2002, entitled "POWER SUPPLY UNIT, DISTRIBUTED POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE LOADED THEREWITH," which issued January 20, 2004 as US Patent No. 6,680,600 ~~both of which are allowed~~. The disclosures of the above-identified applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.